

REMARKS

These remarks are responsive to the Final Office Action, mailed September 1, 2010. Currently claims 1, 3-5, 7-17, and 19-26 are pending with claims 1, 7, and 17 being independent. Claims 2, 6 and 18 have been previously cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 1, 3-5, 7, and 17 have been amended to accommodate Examiner's objections and to expedite prosecution of this application to allowance. No new matter has been added.

Applicants respectfully acknowledge Examiner's indication that the claims 1, 3-5, 17, and 19-26 are allowable over the prior art. Applicants amended claims 1, 3-5 and 17 to accommodate Examiner's objections. (Final Office Action, page 2).

Interview

Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for the Examiner's voicemail message to Applicants' undersigned representative on August 27, 2010. Applicants also would like to thank the Examiner for the opportunity to discuss the above application during a telephonic interview held on or about September 7, 2010. The following is a summary of the conducted interview.

- (1) no exhibits were discussed or shown at the interview;
- (2) claims 1, 3-17, and 19-26 were discussed;
- (3) No references were discussed;
- (4) In the August 27, 2010 voicemail message, the Examiner indicated that claims 1 and 17 are allowable over the cited references subject to correction of various informalities. The Examiner also indicated that if claim 7 is to be amended to include various limitations of claim 1, then it would also be allowable over the cited references. The Examiner confirmed the above during September 7, 2010 discussion with Applicants' representative. While Applicants disagree with Examiner's objections, Applicants amended claims 1, 3-5, 7 and 17 to accommodate Examiner's requests and to expedite prosecution of this application to allowance.

- (5) As stated above, as a result of the August 27, 2010 voicemail message and the discussion on or about September 7, 2010, the Examiner and Applicants reached a tentative agreement that claims 1, 3-5, 7-17, and 19-26 are allowable over the currently cited references.

(6) No other matters were discussed during the August 27, 2010 voicemail message or the discussion on or about September 7, 2010.

35 U.S.C. 103

In the Final Office Action, the Examiner maintained his rejections of claims 7-16 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over various combinations of U.S. Patent Pub. No. 2002/0055972 to Weinman, U.S. Patent No. 6,847,982 to Parker, and U.S. Patent No. 6,560,615 to Zayas.

In view of the Examiner's August 27, 2010 voicemail message to Applicants' representative and the discussion on or about September 7, 2010, as well as Applicants' amendment of claim 7, this rejection is now moot. In any event, Applicants hereby reiterate and incorporate by reference in their entireties any and all arguments that have been previously submitted in response to Examiner's rejection of claims 7-16.

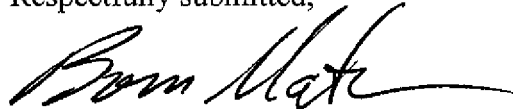
CONCLUSION

No new matter has been added. The claims currently presented are proper and definite. Allowance is accordingly in order and respectfully requested. However, should the Examiner deem that further clarification of the record is in order, we invite a telephone call to the Applicants' undersigned attorney to expedite further processing of the application to allowance.

Applicants believe that no additional fees are due with the filing of this Amendment. However, if any additional fees are required or if any funds are due, the USPTO is authorized to charge or credit Deposit Account Number: **50-0311**, Customer Number: **35437**, Reference Number: **25452-013**.

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